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## COLONEL DARRYL W. BURKE

Colonel Darryl W. Burke is vice commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, CA. He is responsible for the Air Force's entire high-altitude reconnaissance fleet comprised of three U-2 squadrons, one Global Hawk UAV squadron, four groups, and three overseas operational detachments. He develops and executes worldwide, JCS-tasked reconnaissance missions with an annual flying allocation of over 13,000 hours. He is also responsible for the selection and combat crew training of all U-2 pilots as well as for the initial and continuation training of U-2 and T-38 aircrews. He also oversees the operation of a nationally designed intelligence processing interpretation facility.

Colonel Burke was commissioned a distinguished graduate through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program and entered active duty in 1983. He has commanded two squadrons and served in staff and executive officer positions at the Unified Command level. Colonel Burke is a master navigator with more than 3,700 flying hours including 114 hours of combat time. He has flown the B-52 and E-3 Aircraft.



### EDUCATION:

1983 Bachelor of Science Degree in aeronautical studies, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL.

1989 Master of Science Degree in aeronautical science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL.

1989 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

1996 United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS.

1997 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

2001 Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1983—February 1984, student, weapons controller training, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL.
2. February 1984—July 1984, student, AWACS, Tinker AFB, OK.
3. July 1984—January 1986, AWACS weapons director, Tinker AFB, OK.
4. January 1986—August 1986, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather AFB, CA.
5. August 1986—June 1987, B-52 combat crew training, Castle AFB, CA.
6. June 1987—September 1990, B-52 navigator and B-52 radar navigator, 62 Bombardment Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA.

7. September 1990—January 1991, AWACS navigator training, Tinker AFB, OK.
8. January 1991—June 1995, AWACS navigator, instructor navigator, chief of flight safety, deputy chief of safety, 552 Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, OK.
9. June 1995—June 1996, student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS.
10. June 1996—June 1997, chief air operations, United States Southern Command, Quarry Heights, Panama
11. June 1997—June 1998, J3 executive officer, United States Southern Command, Miami, FL.
12. June 1998—June 2000, commander, 65<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores
13. June 2000—June 2001, student, National War College, Fort Lesley McNair, Washington D.C.
14. June 2001—July 2003, commander, Flying Squadron One, NATO E-3A Component, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany
15. July 2003- Present, vice commander, 9<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, CA.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: More than 3,700

Aircraft flown: T-43, B-52G, E-3C

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with Oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

NATO Medal—Article V

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1984 Distinguished Graduate, AWACS weapons director school, Tinker AFB, OK.

1989 Distinguished Graduate, Outstanding Squadron Graduate, Outstanding Contributor, Squadron Officers School

2002 Allied Command Europe Institute of Navigation Award

2002 Allied Command Europe Lance P. Sijan Award

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant Apr. 23, 1983

First Lieutenant Apr. 23, 1985

Captain Apr. 23, 1987

Major Feb. 6, 1995

Lieutenant Colonel Jul. 1, 1999

Colonel Aug. 1, 2003

(Current as of 12 Nov 2003)